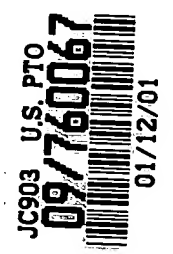


Benjamin
5/30/01

PATENT
PHI 1313
P04821US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PUSKARIC, Vladimir ART UNIT: 1638
SERIAL NO: EXAMINER:
FILED:
TITLE: HYBRID MAIZE PLANT & SEED 39K40



Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following patents and/or other documents which may be material to the examination of this application. The Examiner is urged to consider these documents and make them of record in this application. This submission is not intended to constitute an admission of any kind, and in particular is not an admission that any patent, or other document referred to herein constitutes a printed publication or is otherwise properly citable as prior art with respect to this application. No representation is made that a search has been conducted or that no more material information than that cited herein exists. Accordingly, this submission is not intended to take the place of the Examiner's own independent search of the art.

A list of the patents and/or other documents is set forth on the attached Form(s) PTO-1449.

=====

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby declare that the attached Patent Application and filing fee has been mailed by U.S. Postal Service's "Post Office to Addressee" Express Mail service in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, Box Patent Application, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the 12 day of January, 2001.

Patricia E. Wilson
Patricia E. Wilson
Express Mail label EL745291965US

A copy of each of these documents or translations or abstract as appropriate,
is attached or will be forwarded as soon as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,
Vladimir Puskaric



by: Heidi S. Nebel,
Reg. No. 37,719
ZARLEY, McKEE, THOMTE, VOORHEES
& SEASE

CUSTOMER NO. 27142
ATTORNEYS OF RECORD

801 Grand - Suite 3200
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2721
515-288-3667 - pw